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Ms. Marlene Dortch, Commission Secretary
The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, CY-B402
Washington, DC 20535

RE: Proceeding #02-306

Dear Ms. Dortch:

As Mayor of the City of Sacramento, I am writing to lend my support for SBC Pacific Bell's request for approval to provide long distance telecommunications service.

The City of Sacramento has benefited greatly through our relationship with SBC Pacific Bell and their employees. SBC Pacific Bell has been an outstanding corporate citizen in our City. They have given generously to thousands of community programs and services. The employees of SBC Pacific Bell also contribute financially and volunteer with many nonprofit community-based organizations.

Other states are experiencing the benefits of open market competition in the long distance telecommunication service. During these days of economic uncertainty, there is a potential benefit to California consumers and Sacramento households by money saved through long distance Competition.

I support SBC Pacific Bell's request to provide long distance telecommunications service and hope you will approve their application as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heather Fargo".

HEATHER FARGO
Mayor

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